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POLITICAL1. Moroccan Ambassador Presents Credentials

Haj Fatimi bin SULAIMAN presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador of Morocco to King Faysal on March 25.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. RSAF Loses T-33 Trainer

A Royal Saudi Air Force T-33 trainer with two Saudi pilots aboard ditched in the Persian Gulf approximately 75 miles northeast of Bahrain on March 23. One pilot was rescued by a passing boat but the other is missing and presumed drowned. The pilot ditched the aircraft after running out of fuel on a training flight. USMTM aircraft joined Aramco and RSAF planes in the unsuccessful search for the missing pilot. USMTM officers are somewhat discouraged since they feel loss of the plane was due to pilot error: the plane inexplicably became lost among the easily identifiable landmarks of the Persian Gulf, the plane was ditched whereas the Saudi pilots have been repeatedly told to bail out; the pilots apparently did not take with them the necessary "Mae Wests" and other survival gear. (CONFIDENTIAL)

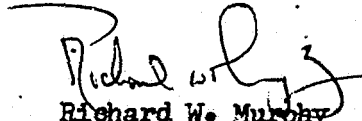
PSYCHOLOGICAL1. Press Highlights

The major news story during the week in the Saudi press was developments in the Vietnamese situation especially the U.S. announcement that it would use non-lethal gas bombs against the Viet Cong. German-Arab relations and German-Israel talks on establishment of diplomatic relations continued to receive front page attention but the number of commentaries compared with the preceding few weeks declined considerably. Other news stories given prominent attention were Pakistan's statement in support of the Arabs' attitude vis-a-vis Israel, the Ceylonese elections, the Sudanese talks to effect a reconciliation with the Southern Sudan, and difficulties within the Soviet leadership over agricultural failures. U.S. civil rights stories received scarcely any mention in the local press. USIS releases on the Project Gemini flight were used by two local papers on an exclusive basis. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Vietnam

Soviet Communist Party Chief BREZHNEV's statement that the USSR is beginning to make arrangements to send aid to North Vietnam and his hint that a number of Soviet citizens had already volunteered to fight in Vietnam was carried in al-Madina under the headline "Dangerous Turn in the Battle of Vietnam." The U.S. announcement that non-lethal gas bombs would be used in combating Viet Cong terrorists also attracted headline attention here. Al-Nadwa carried the wire service report juxtaposed with a Radio Hanoi charge that the gas being used is actually lethal. Al-Bilad gave front page attention to the item but almost exclusively in terms of the reaction of British Labor Party leaders to the U.S. announcement. Ukaz highlighted the Soviet protest to the U.S. against the use of gas as well as the U.S. rejection of the Soviet note. The same paper carries a commentary by Hussein Muhammad al-ASKARI who expresses regret that the U.S. is using "poisonous gas". Al-Askari alleges that this clearly indicated that the U.S. has "lost its nerve" and is willing to do anything to achieve a victory. The writer fears that the U.S. will take other steps that will eventually lead to direct conflict with the Communist camp. Al-Madina's "Rasid" also fears that Russia, which has thus far remained silent re Vietnam, will be forced by both the U.S. and Communist Chinese actions there to intervene in Southeast Asia with potentially disastrous consequences for world peace. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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